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1. The East German Foreign Ministry is making a careful check of the West German press and noting all statements, both favorable and unfavorable, concerning Minister President Otto Grotewohl's letter to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of the Bonn government, sent at the end of November and proposing a constitutional convention for the unification of Germany. It is understood that Dertinger will attempt to establish contact with persons or groups giving evidence of a favorable response.\*

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\* Comment: The suggestion is made that there may be some connection between Dertinger's plan and a letter written on 2 December by Karl Wilhelm Gerst, ADN reporter in Bonn, to Heinz Fried of the Berlin headquarters of the (eastern) CDU. Gerst wrote as follows: "If the matter we discussed with our friend is not accomplished by the first of January, then it will be high time to carry out what we agreed. You will no doubt have to needle D. and G.G.\*\*, since the agreed conversation in Hildesheim must take place as soon as possible. I need two or three days' warning in order to bring my friends along." Fried informed Dertinger of this letter on 8 December.

\*\* D. appears to be Dertinger; G.G. is Gerald Götting, the secretary general to the eastern CDU.

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